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[Cape May, NJ]

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LIBRARIAN, MISS SARAH A. THOMAS

June 22,1931.

Gentlemen:

There are various calls come to libraries for material on coins;we have n't a good coin encyclopedia covering just the ordinary coinage of the U.S. and the European countries. Can you recommend the book which you would consider the most valuable for first purchase for a public library? We shall be very grateful to you for your advice.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Thomas

June 23, 1931.

Miss Sarah A. Thomas, Librarian
Cape May County Library Commission
Cape May Court House, N. J.

Dear Miss Thomas:

Responding to your note of June 22nd. If what you desire is a list of the coins on which a premium is paid, such a publication can be obtained from Mr. Wayte Raymond, 465 Park Avenue, New York City, and has a cost of something in the neighborhood of $1.00. There is no good manual for United States coins along. Rawlings "Coins and How to Know Them" used to serve the purpose in many cases, although it is very unsatisfactory because it endeavors to cover almost the entire range of coinage. Frey's "Dictionary of Numismatic Names" although not illustrated may be what you are seeking. Its cost is $5.00 and we can supply it because it is published by our Society. If this information is of service to you, I shall be very glad. If it does not answer your inquiry to your satisfaction, please write to me again.

Very truly yours,

HN:JG

Secretary

Cambridge Public Library
[Cambridge, MA]

June 1, 1931

Cambridge Public Library

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The Trustees have received from you as a gift to the Library Numismatic Notes and Monographs - No. 46

for which they return a grateful acknowledgment.

Cambridge, Mass., June 1, 1931

Librarian.

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American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York

Cambridge Public Library

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The Trustees have received from you as a gift to the Library Numismatic Notes and Monograms - No. 51

for which they return a grateful acknowledgment.

Cambridge, Mass., April 26, 1902

Thomas J. Sullivan

Librarian. K. M.O.

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American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156 th Street
New York

Cortland Free Library

[Cortland, NY]

February 23, 1932

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Cortland Free Library

Cortland, New York

BYRL JÖRGENSEN KELLOGG, Librarian

February 23, 1932

American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Will you please let us know what you consider to be the best coin catalogue for the use of coin collectors? The book to be for public library use. We wish a book of catalogue type similar to the Stamp Catalogue published by the Scott Coin and Stamp Company.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Byrl Jörgensen Kellogg.
Librarian

BJK/EB

February 27, 1932.

Cortland Free Library
Cortland, New York.

Gentlemen: Attention: L. J. Kellogg

Referring to your letter of the 22nd the Scott Company still publishes several books or pamphlets which will I think give you the sort of information you desire. I should suggest that you write to them being a little more specific as to the field you desire to have covered. I believe they would send these on approval. At any rate, you might ask them whether they would or not.

Very truly yours,

N:JG

Secretary

Eau Claire Public Library
[Eau Claire, WI]

EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAURA M. OLSEN, LIBRARIAN
EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

May 23, 1930.

The Secretary
American Numismatic Society
West 155 th Street
New York City

Dear sir:

Eau Claire is a city in the Middle West of more than 26000 population. Our library is used by all classes. More and more every class turns to the library for information of every kind. Recently we have had a number of requests for information about coins, both about history and value. Very often the small boys come in and I am sorry when unable to give them the information they seek. I wondered if you could please suggest the names of a few books and pamphlets that would be useful for a public library. We would esteem it a great favor to us.

Very truly yours

Laura M. Olsen

May 26, 1930

Miss Laura M. Olsen,
Librarian, Eau Claire Public Library
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

Responding to your letter of May 23rd, the following titles are, I think, still in print, and these provide answers to many of the questions with which you are faced:

Macdonald's "Coin Types"
Rawling's "Coins and How to Know Them"
British Museum Guide to Roman Coins

Many of the questions which will be asked you can be answered by referring to dealers' premium lists such as that of the Elder Coin & Curio Company, 8 West 37th Street, New York; or Guttag's "Coins of the United States", which list the coins on which these dealers are willing to pay a premium. These are unsatisfactory because they usually under-value rare coins, but they are serviceable in establishing that most of the coins brought to you are not of these rare varieties and therefore hardly worth troubling further about.

I hope this will give you the information you desire.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Guttag's "Coins of the United States"
Guttag Bros.
42 Stone Street, New York.

Haverhill Public Library
[Haverhill, MA]

PUBLIC LIBRARY
HAVERHILL, MASS.

February 3,1932

DONALD K. CAMPBELL
LIBRARIAN

Mr.Sydney P.Noe
American Numismatic Society
New York city

My dear Mr.Noe:

We thank you for your letter of January 31, and for the information it contains. We will be glad to receive a copy of your publication "Dictionary of Numismatic Names",by Frey.

If it is not asking too much, will you kindly asnwer for us a question which has come to us in the form "What is the most valuable coin ever issued by the United States?" - we feel,however, that what the person really wishes to know is what is the coin that will sell for the highest price at the present time,because of its rarity.

With appreciation of your courtesy, I am

Yours very truly,

Donald Campbell.
Librarian.

February 6, 1932.

Public Library
Haverhill, Mass.

Gentlemen: Attention: Donald Campbell

Responding to your letter of February 3rd, the only answer I can give to your question regarding the most valuable coin ever issued by the United States is that I don't know. We always discourage inquiries such as this because they are actuated by a desire that is without the right kind of foundation. This is the sort of a question that is asked by almost every cub reported who is given the task of writing up our Museum and it is opposed to a proper evaluation of the study of coins, from which the benefit to be derived is not to be classed as commercial. I am enclosing a memorandum to cover the volume by Frey, which is being sent under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

Montclair Free Public Library
[Montclair, NJ]

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

MARGERY QUIGLEY, LIBRARIAN

February 13, 1932.

American Numismatic Society

Broadway & 156th. St.

New York City.

Gentlemen:

Would you be able to suggest to us any books on the subject of American and other coins, which would be useful to coin collectors?

With cordial thanks

Yours truly,

Alta M. Barker

asst. librarian.

February 15, 1932.

Free Public Library
Montclair, New Jersey.

Gentlemen: Attention: Alta M. Barker

Responding to your letter of the 7th, there is no very good book on modern coins published. I presume your library will have a copy of Rawling's, "Coins and How to Know Them", which rather feebly meets demands such as you describe. McDonald's, "Coin Types" is another and much better volume, although more restricted in scope. Do you have the report of the United States Mint? That gives valuable information regarding the current issues and should this prove helpful you might obtain the report of the London Mint as well. Our own Society publishes a dictionary of coin names but unfortunately this is not illustrated - the price is $0.00. For Greek coins, Head's, "Historia Numorum" is indispensable.

If the above does not give you the information you require, please feel that I should be only too glad to have you show how I can be more specific.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

New York Library Club

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NEW YORK LIBRARY CLUB
Questionnaire for Directory-

NAME OF LIBRARY Library of the American Numismatic Society

Address Broadway at 156th Street, New York.

LIBRARIAN Sydney P. Noe

TELEPHONE NO. Audubon 2484

DATE OF FOUNDING (of the Society) 1858

REGULATIONS

Hours when open 10 to 5

Is it open to the general public without formality for either

(a) reference Yes

(b) circulation No (occasional special exceptions).

If use of library is restricted, by whom may it be used

Members of the American Numismatic Society and responsible visitors who will make themselves known.

Special conditions, if any, under which outsiders may use library

Indicated above.

May books be borrowed on interlibrary loan...Yes, for short periods. and if not volumes which might otherwise be in daily use.

RESOURCES

Number of volumes . 3750 bound..2000 pamphlets, 2500 Sales Catalogues.

Character of the library: is it

(a) General. No.

(b) special...Yes. If so, what special field is covered

Numismatics - ancient and modern, medals, Decorations and War Medals, Tokens - all coinages.

What are the principal special collections .. As indicated above.

Interviewer: Miss Margaret S. Green

Queens Borough Public Library

[Jamaica, Queens, NY]

August 22, 1952

August 22, 1932.

Miss Margaret S. Green
Reference Librarian of
The Queens Borough Public Library
Parson Boulevard
Jamaica, New York City.

Dear Miss Green:

Your note of August 19th is at hand. I am returning it with a single check mark and the following explanation.

It seems to me desirable that inquirers after purely numismatic literature be referred personally to our library where we can help them to best advantage. By this I do not mean readers who are attempting to find out the value of a plugged nickel which they bring with them. Lists of coins on which premiums are paid such as are published by dealers - Elder and the Scott Stamp & Coin Company - provide a ready response, especially when it is born in mind that a coin is not worth much unless it is in fine condition. When, however, you have a student of history who merely wishes to verify a reference from a single volume I should suggest your using the interlibrary loan plan. Telephone and mail are poor media for our work because the condition of the coin plays a large part in any discussion of it and that cannot be described by word of mouth or by letter.

Please pardon my being so explicit; I assume that is what you would desire.

Very truly yours,

TN:JG

Secretary

Vancouver Public Library
[Vancouver, B.C.]

VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
EDGAR S. ROBINSON, LIBRARIAN
VANCOUVER, B. C.

November 26, 1931

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We wish to purchase a copy of Bluestone, "Fixed Price Catalog of U. S. and Foreign Coins", but we have been unable to find either the publisher or the price. We would be pleased if you would give us this information.

Yours truly,

E. S. Robinson

JH.K

Librarian.

December 2, 1931.

Vancouver Public Library
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Edgar S. Robinson

Dear Sir:

We presume the Bluestone, "Fixed Price Catalogue of U. S. and Foreign Coins" is published by Barney Bluestone, 117 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y., who is a coin dealer in that city. We do not know the price of this.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Vassar College Library
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

March 26, 1952

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF
VASSAR COLLEGE LIBRARY
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

March 28, 1932.

Vassar College Library
Poughkeepsie,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Please accept our thanks for the gift of a copy of Prof. Chase's Thoreau's, "Walt and the Cosmos" which we have received with your compliments. We are very glad indeed to have that for our library and appreciate your courtesy in sending us a copy.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

TN:JC

University of Denver Library
[Denver, CO]

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER LIBRARY
DENVER, COLORADO

LINDA M. CLATWORTHY
LIBRARIAN

May 13, 1931

The American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

We have recently received Nos. 41-45 of your Numismatic Notes and monographs and thank you for the same.

If the rest of your volumes and other publications are available without charge we would be very glad to receive them.

Very sincerely

L. M. Clatworthy
Librarian

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May 19, 1931.

University of Denver Library
Denver, Colorado.

Attention: Linda M. Clatworthy

Dear Madam:

Your note of May 13th is at hand. I am at a loss to understand how you should have received Nos. 41-45 of our Monographs from us and I believe the gift must have come from some other source. I am merely pointing this out to you in the interest of accuracy. I am enclosing a list of these Monographs and for your information it might be explained that our members receive these as a partial return for their annual dues of $5.00, although the publications frequently total more than this amount. I regret that we are unable to contribute them to your library.

Yours very truly,

SN:JQ
Encl.

Secretary

University of Virginia [Library]
[Charlottesville, VA]

LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
UNIVERSITY, VIRGINIA

HARRY CLEMONS, *Librarian*
MARY LOUISE DINWIDDIE,
Assistant Librarian

May 20, 1931

Sydney P. Noe, Esq.
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York City, New York

My dear Sir:

I have received the following query: "On the old Spanish 'piece of eight' there are the letters 8RFM. What do these stand for?"

The only photographic reproduction of the peso duro that I have been able to find is in the ENCICLOPEDIA UNIVERSAL ILUSTRADA EUROPER-AMERICANA (vol.xxxvi:123). The inscription on the coin reproduced there reads, "DEI * GRATIA * 1783 * CAROLUS * III * /[verso] * HISPAN * ET * IND * REX *M̂ * 8R * F * F *". The 'R' undoubtedly stands for 'reales', but the only guesses I can make for 'M̂' and 'F * F' are 'majestad' and 'felicissimus' respectively. Neither makes sense.

If you can give me any assistance, I shall be most grateful.

Very truly yours,

John C. Wyllie

John C. Wyllie
Assistant Reference Librarian

May 21, 1931.

John C. Wyllie
Library of the University of Virginia
University, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your letter of the 20th. The letters to which you refer on the "pieces of eight" for the year 1783 are as you suspect. In the case of the 8R intended for 8 "reales", the M with the mark above it is the Mint mark for the city of Mexico. The two other letters in this case quoted by you in one place for "F" and another as "F" are apparently the initials of the Mint Master. We find them varying on other specimens for other years and this is the generally accepted interpretation of them. I hope this gives you the information you desire.

Very truly,

SN:JG

Secretary

LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
UNIVERSITY, VIRGINIA

HARRY CLEMONS, *Librarian*
MARY LOUISE DINWIDDIE,
Assistant Librarian

May 23, 1931

Sydney P. Noe, Esq.
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York City, New York

My dear Sir:

I am sincerely grateful for your letter of the 21st inst. concerning the inscriptions on Spanish 'pieces of eight'.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

John C. Wyllie

John C. Wyllie
Assistant Reference Librarian

Utica Public Library
[Utica, NY]

UTICA PUBLIC LIBRARY
UTICA, N. Y.

LAURE CLAIRE FOUCHER, LIBRARIAN

4 May 1925

Numismatic Society of America
Broadway & 156th Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

May we please ask you to suggest an up-to-date coin catalog which will help us to identify coins? We have been unable to find anything new listed.

We shall greatly appreciate this courtesy.

Very truly yours

L.C. Foucher
per MAW.

LCF:LJG

UTICA PUBLIC LIBRARY
UTICA, N. Y.

LAURE CLAIRE FOUCHER, LIBRARIAN

7 January 1927

American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly suggest any recent material on coins, particularly on values and prices.

We shall greatly appreciate receiving this information.

Very truly yours

L. C. Foucher

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January 13, 1927

Miss L. C. Boucher, Librarian,
Utica Public Library,
Utica, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Responding to yours of January 7th: If what you want is a list of premiums paid on United States Coins, there is a convenient booklet published by Cuttag Brothers, 16 Exchange Place, New York City, called 'Rare Coins of the United States', for which they charge something under $1.00

The question of condition plays so vital a part in the valuation of even rare coins that no book can satisfactorily deal with the matter. The booklet mentioned above lists chiefly rarities on which dealers are willing to pay a premium.

Yours very truly,

Secretary

May 5,1931

Miss Laure Claire Foucher
Librarian, Utica Public Library
Utica, New York

Dear Madam:

Your letter of May 4th is at hand. If you desire a book listing a premium on rare United States coins, such a publication may be had of Wayte Raymond (465 Park Avenue, New York City) at a cost of something under a dollar.

There is no book which covers the entire field of coins, however, nor would a dozen titles cover the field for you. I presume you have Rawling's "Coins and How to Know Them" in your library. This is a very poor substitute for a general work, but I know of nothing covering the entire field of coins that is better.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.